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**An Act To Alter the Mechanism by which
a Political Party is a Qualified Party**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §301, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 1999, c. 450, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §301, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. At least 10,000 voters enrolled in the party voted in the last general election.

SUMMARY

This bill eliminates the requirement that for a political party to participate in a primary election it must poll at least 5% of the total vote cast for Governor or President in either of the last 2 general elections and adds a new requirement that at least 10,000 members of the party must have voted in the last general election in order for the party to participate in a primary election.